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Esslingen: a medieval experience

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Ten kilometers east of Stuttgart and nestled between vineyards on one side and the Filder plateau on the other lies the medieval town of Esslingen.

The Neckar River cuts through the town's center and has played a large role in the history of Esslingen.

According to history books a small group of monks and vintners settled there sometime in the early 7th century.

Today, more than 1,000 monuments still adorn the old town center with its three city halls. One of the oldest streets with complete timber-frame home fronts and magnificent patricians' houses winds its way through the center of town and above it all, the castle stands guard.

Esslingen's historical city center is a sight to see as well as to experience. The city offers more than 40 different types of historical tours that let visitors experience the flair of the town from different view points. For example, a guided night tour through the city center and up to the castle lets visitors "feel" the rich history.

Esslingen is one of the few towns in Germany not destroyed during World War II. Some of the original buildings date back more than 1,200 years.

The market square, once was the site of the Katharinen Hospital, was given a thorough face-lift during the Renaissance.

The main attraction of the square, next to the old town hall building, is its astronomical clock; just under the carillon that sounds several times a day, the wings of the imperial

eagle beat the hour. The clock is unique – the original movement from 1591 turns the hands and the wings, and is one of Germany's oldest clock movements.

The Webergasse and the Heugasse, next to the Marktplatz and the Hafenmarkt are some of the more prominent wine related alleys (Gassen) and residential areas of the historical town. The Kiemeyer house, which holds the city information center, is one of the more prominent examples of elaborate decorated houses and should not be missed when visiting the town.

The Esslingen castle, which was once part of the city's wall, has overlooked the historical center of town for almost seven centuries. It takes only 300 steps to get up there and to enjoy the phenomenal view over the city and valley.

Furthermore, three of the city's gate buildings still stand and include the Schelz

gate tower, the Plinsau tower and the Wolf's gate. Visitors can visit the towers, battlements and casements.

The medieval center is also an ideal backdrop for the city's multiple cultural events. Summer festivals, the strawberry festival, the onion festival and the weekly market are located on the Marktplatz. Visit Esslingen during one of its events and get ready for a medieval experience.

Upcoming highlights in the Esslingen events calendar:

Feb. 16 The burning of Fasching at 6 p.m. at the Marktplatz.

March 30-April 30 City tour festival

April 24-25 Esslingen spring festival, duck races and garden days throughout the city center.

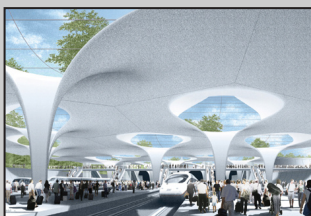
(Information for this article was taken from www.tourist.esslingen.de)



The Kiemeyer-Haus (on the left side) is one of the best examples of the rich history of Esslingen's buildings. Located at the Marktplatz, it was once a soap manufacture and a colonial ware store. Today, the city information office calls it home.

photo: www.tourist.esslingen.de

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This and that around Stuttgart

Maulbronner Maultaschen

For 25 Maultaschen you will need:
150 gr. Cooked beef (any kind you like)

50 gr. Smoked bacon

300 gr. ground beef

300 gr. Smooth Brät (this is raw sausage stuffing, you can get this at any major grocery store in the meat section)

2 Bread rolls at least a day old

500 gr. Noodle dough (you can find

pre-made dough in any grocery store as Nudelteig)

1 small leek

1 carrot

1 TBL butter

400 gr. spinach (frozen spinach package)

1 bunch cilantro

3 eggs

1 Egg yolk, salt, pepper, nutmeg and marjoram



Photo and recipe courtesy of TMBW.de

Maultaschen are traditionally served either in broth or with potato salad as a side dish. However, multiple other versions make this traditional dish very versatile.

Finely chop the cooked beef and bacon and mix well. Clean the leek and the carrot, mince and brown in butter. Soak the rolls in water until they are soggy. Squeeze out the excess water. The recipe calls for fresh spinach, however you can use a package of frozen spinach just as well. Make sure the spinach is thawed completely.

Mix the meat, bacon, carrots, leek, spinach and bread well. Add the ground beef, the sausage filling and the eggs. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Let the filling rest while you roll out the noodle dough.

Roll the dough out to be equally thin, spread the filling onto the dough in the middle, spearing the sides. Fold the left side over the filling and with a brush; brush the egg yolk over the dough, then fold the right side over. The yolk will act as glue in the boiling water. Cut equal pieces of Maultaschen in the desired size and drop into boiling broth. The Maultaschen will swim on top after 15 minutes. Serve them in broth or with caramelized onions and potato salad.

Stuttgart2Go The digital City

The Stuttgart-Marketing department offers a mobile city-guide to visitors in the form of a pocket PC with integrated GPS receiver. "Stuttgart2Go" is the new digital way to explore the city on your own. The guide acts as an orientation tool; pointing out tips and extensive information during your stroll through the city.

City maps of the downtown area, complete maps of the Stuttgart area as well as aerial photos, which display your current location within the town, are integrated into this handy little pocket device.

The gadget even helps visitors decide on possible city tours, hiking and biking routes.

As soon as you close in on a notable city sight, while out and about, the pocket PC loads the noteworthy information on an html site.

The display language can be set to either English or German.

You can rent the Stuttgart-PDA's at the Touristikinformation i-Punkt near the Stuttgart Klett-Passage (Hauptbahnhof) for four or eight hours for 5 or 8 Euro respectively.

Max rental time per PDA is set at three days. A copy of your ID and a deposit of 100 €, which will be refunded upon return of the unit, is all you need to start your digitally-guided tour of Stuttgart.

If you already own a PDA you may purchase the software "Stuttgart2Go" at the tourist information stand. For more information or to reserve a PDA, visit: www.stuttgart-tourist.de/DEU/ipunkt/stuttgart2go.htm



www.stuttgart.de

The future of downtown in a model of Stuttgart 21

MARKETS AND MUCH MORE

• **Jan. 30 — Ludwigsburg — Vonda Shepard**

This event takes place at the Scala. For tickets, call 07141-388-144.

• **Jan. 31 — Frickenhausen — Fasching parade'**

This parade starts at 1 p.m. in the center of town.

• **Feb. 5-9 — Leonberg — Horsemarket**

Multiple events take place during this market in the center of town.

• **Feb. 11 — Rudesberg — Women's Fashing**

This traditional "Ladies only" event takes place at the Turnhalle Oberndorf.

• **Feb. 11 — Bad Cannstatt — Schmoziger Donnerstag**

This event features a Fasching market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a Fasching event in the center of Bad Cannstatt at the Marktplatz starting at 6 p.m.

• **Feb. 14 — Neuhausen auf den Fildern — Fasching parade**

Multiple groups of mask wearers weave their way through town.

• **Feb. 14 — Bad Cannstatt — Felben schneiden**

This traditional cutting of willow rods takes place at the Mühlgrün at the Neckar River between 5 and 6 p.m.

• **Feb. 14 — Weil der Stadt — Fasching parade**

This large parade attracts thousands of people every year. For more than two hours this parade weaves its way through the center of town.

• **Feb. 14 — Konstanz — Fasching parade**

Konstanz features a fools market and a parade starting at 2 p.m. in the center of town.

• **Feb. 15 — Bad Cannstatt — Fasching**

Bad Cannstatt turns foolish on this day, starting at 10 a.m. with music at the old town hall, a children's parade at 2 p.m. and other Fasching events throughout the day and evening.

• **Feb. 16 — Stuttgart — Fasching parade**

This parade winds its way through the downtown area of Stuttgart.

• **Feb. 16 — Rottenburg am Neckar — Fasching parade**

This parade starts at 1 p.m. and winds its way through the old part of town.

• **Feb. 10-16 — Gegenbach — Fasching events**

Wednesday the event kicks off with a street festival at the town hall. The following Sunday the traditional parade winds its way through the downtown area, and on Tuesday the burying of the fools time concludes this year's events at the Marktplatz.

• **Feb. 10-16 — Riedlingen — Traditional Swabian Fasching**

Multiple events take place throughout the town and at the Stadt- und Versteigerungshalle.

• **Feb. 15 — Bonndorf Black Forest — Fasching parade**

This event takes place in the center of town and starts at 2:11 p.m.

• **Feb. 15 — Bopfingen — Fasching parade**

The parade starts at 2 p.m. at the Marktplatz.

• **Feb. 15 — Emdingen — Fasching parade**

The parade starts at 2:30 at the Bürgerhaus.

• **Feb. 14 — Fridingen am der Donau — Fasching parade**

The parade starts at 2:30 p.m. in the center of town.

• **Feb. 14 — Laufenburg (Baden) — Fasching event**

This parade crosses the border into Switzerland. The parade starts at 2:30 p.m. in Laufenburg. For more information, visit www.narro-altfisch-erzunft.de.

• **Feb. 15 — Lenzkirch — Fasching parade**

This parade starts at 1:46 p.m. in the center of town.

• **Feb. 16 — Mannheim — Faching market**

This market is located at the Wasserturm.

Feb. 14 Laufenburg (Baden) Fasching



www.europapark.com

Feb. 18-21 Rust Euro-Dance-Festival

This large festival takes place at the Europa-Park in Rust.

Multiple dance work shops, shows and a dance related trade fair will be hosted on the grounds of the amusement park.

Dancers of all skill levels will attend this event. More than 300 different work shops are taught by dancers, trainers and choreographers including Standard, Latin, Salsa, Tango, Swing, Disco fox, Hip-Hop and Break dance. *For more information, visit www.euro-dance-festival.com*

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Feb. 16 Mannheim Fasching market

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Feb. 14-16 Waldshut-Tiengen Fasching events

Multiple events take place during the days and evenings in the center of town.

Feb. 15 Bad Wurzach Fasching parade

Multiple Fasching groups and music bands make up this colorful parade in the center of town.

Feb. 15 Calw Night parade

Traditional mask bearers and music bands come together in the center of town for this parade. The festivities conclude at the Marktplatz with a Fasching party.

The return of the Shaolin



www.shaolin-moenche.de

Feb. 13 — Stuttgart

Feb. 23 — Reutlingen

Feb. 24 — Schwäbisch Gmünd

March 19 — Ludwigsburg

April 10 — Böblingen

For more information, visit www.shaolin-moenche.de

See the return of the Shaolin monks.

This Kung-Fu show depicts the life of the monks and the mystical secrets of the Qi-Gong.

Feb. 15 Denzlingen Fasching parade

This event starts at 2:11 p.m. at the Rathausplatz.

Feb. 15 Horb am Neckar Fasching parade

This traditional parade starts at 2 p.m. in the center of town.

Feb. 15 Löffingen Fasching event

The parade for this event starts at 2:11 p.m. and ends with the witches and devils live fireworks in the center of town. For more information, visit www.loeffinger-hexen.de

Feb. 15 Rottenburg am Neckar Royal Fasching

This Fasching event takes place in the center of town. For more information, visit www.narrenzunft-rottenburg.de.

Feb. 15 Tauberbischofsheim Variety market

This market is located at the Marktplatz.

Feb. 15 Villingen-Schwenningen Faschings parade

This is one of the regions largest Fasching events. Historical masks and traditional costumes color the streets of the down town area starting at 2:15 p.m.

Feb. 15 Wiesensteig Variety market

This market is located at the Hauptstrasse.

Feb. 16 Geislingen an der Steige Horse market

This traditional market is located at the Sportplatz.

Feb. 16 Gerabron Horse market

The market features a day long program and a variety market in combination with the local Fasching events in the center of town.

Volksmarches in Germany

- Jan. 31 Müden/Aller

Starting time is 8 a.m.

- Jan. 30-31 Flacht

Start train station Limburg at 7:30 a.m.

- Jan. 30-31 Seibersbach

Start train station Bingen at 8 a.m.

- Jan. 31 Wölfershausen

Start train station Wildeck at 8 a.m.

- Jan. 30-31 Gersweiler

Start train station Saarbrücken at 7 a.m.

- Jan. 31 Horrheim

Start train station Vaihingen/Enz at 7 a.m.

- Jan. 30-31 Upfingen

Start train station Metzingen at 7 a.m.

- Jan. 30-31 Lisberg-Bamberg

Start train station Bamberg at 7 a.m.

- Jan. 30-31 Mengkofen

Start train station Dingolfing at 7 a.m.

- Feb. 6-7 Schulp b. Nortorf

Start train station Nortorf at 10 a.m. Sat. and 8 a.m. Sun.

- Feb. 6-7 Burbach-Wahlbach

Start train station Burbach-Wahlbach at 8 a.m.

- Feb. 6-7 Bernkastel-Kues

Start train station Traben-Trarbach at 8 a.m.

- Feb. 6-7 Eimersdorf

Start train station Siersburg at 7 a.m.

- Feb. 7 Kandern-Wollbach

Train station Basel at 8 a.m.

- Feb. 7 Reichenbach-Gengenbach

Start train station Gengenbach at 8 a.m.

- Feb. 6-7 Tailfingen i. Gäu

Start train station Herrenberg at 11 a.m.

- Feb. 6-7 Dörfles-Esbach

Start train station Dörfles-Esbach at 7:30 a.m.

- Feb. 6-7 Freystadt

Start train station Allersberg at 8 a.m.

- Feb. 13-14 Flensburg-Adelbylund

Start train station Flensburg

- Feb. 13-14 Herbron

Start train station Herborn

- Feb. 13-14 Griesborn

Start train station Saarlouis (Ensdorf o. Bous)

- Feb. 13 Lichtenwald

Start train station Plochingen

For more information, visit the Deutsche Volkssport Verband at

www.dvv-wandern.de/t_de/tb

FLEA MARKETS

- Jan. 30 Stuttgart-Karlsplatz
- Jan. 30 Stuttgart-Degerloch
- Jan. 30 Korntal
- Jan. 30 Esslingen-Berkheim
- Feb. 2 Gernersheim
- Feb. 2 Metzingen
- Feb. 4 Göppingen
- Feb. 5 Reutlingen
- Feb. 6 Winnenden
- Feb. 6 Filderstadt
- Feb. 6 Weilheim (Tübingen)
- Feb. 6 Waiblingen
- Feb. 6 Bietigheim
- Feb. 6 Nürtingen
- Feb. 6 Kirchheim
- Feb. 6 Ludwigsburg
- Feb. 6 Tübingen
- Feb. 7 Leonberg
- Feb. 10 Mannheim-Brühl
- Feb. 10 Reutlingen
- Feb. 12 Reutlingen
- Feb. 13 Fellbach
- Feb. 13 Calw
- Feb. 13 Böblingen
- Feb. 13 Nürtingen
- Feb. 13 Kirchheim
- Feb. 13 Metzingen
- Feb. 13 Tübingen
- Feb. 13 Heidelberg
- Feb. 13 Bietigheim
- Feb. 13 Heidelberg
- Feb. 14 Schwäbisch Hall
- Feb. 16 Metzingen
- Feb. 17 Mannheim-Brühl
- Feb. 17 Reutlingen
- Feb. 17 Göppingen

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Concert, show tickets on sale

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Feb. 8-10 -- Riverdance -- Stuttgart | • March 19 -- Stuttgart -- Jan Delay & Disco No. 1 | • May 14 -- Stuttgart -- Scorpions (Rock) |
| • Feb. 11 -- Stuttgart -- Milo | • March 23 -- Stuttgart -- Eros Ramazzotti (Italo-Pop) | • May 22 -- Stuttgart -- Whitney Houston (Pop) |
| • Feb. 12 -- Stuttgart -- Soul od Mowtown | • March 26 -- Stuttgart -- Porsche Oldie-Night 2010 (Pop) | • Nov. 7 -- Stuttgart -- David Garrett (Sinfonik) |
| • Feb. 21 -- Stuttgart -- Flames of Classic | • March 27 -- Stuttgart -- Porsche Oldie-Night 2010 (Pop) | • Nov. 30 -- Stuttgart -- Deep Purple (Rock) |
| • March 6 -- Stuttgart -- Apassionata (Show/Variété-Horses) | | • Dec. 8 -- Stuttgart -- Nokia Night Of The Proms 2010 (Pop) |

For event tickets, call CIV. 0711/2555555

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